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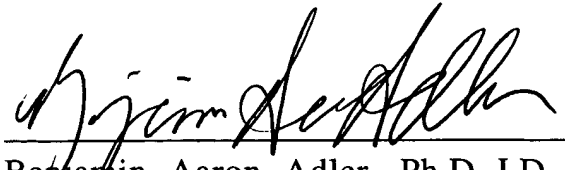
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 1999,  
please enter the following amendments and remarks.  
Reconsideration of the pending claims as amended is respectfully  
requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

F1  
1. (fourth amendment) DNA encoding a Tumor  
Antigen Derived Gene-14 (TADG-14) protein, wherein said protein  
has the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID No: 7, and wherein said  
DNA is selected from the group consisting of: